

March, 2022

# Neighborhood News

The Neighborhood Learning Center's monthly newsletter

## We are ready to welcome you back inside!

With the COVID pandemic numbers continuing to recede, and with updated guidance from our governing structures (Department of Labor, Department of Education, and the Centers for Disease Control), we have a tentative date set for welcoming parents back inside the building:

**March 21st!** Details will be provided the week of March 14th.



### This Month's Highlights

**March 1**

Mardi Gras

**March 2**

Dr. Seuss Day—  
Wear Wacky Hair to School!

Ash Wednesday:  
Imposition of Ashes 3-6 pm

Pancake Supper 6 pm

Worship 7 pm

**March 7**

LCPS Closed, NLC Open for School's Out Camp

**March 14**

National Pi Day

**March 17**

St. Patrick's Day

Wear GREEN to school

**March 31**

National Crayon Day

### March Staff Birthdays

4 Jo Anna Rich  
(Director)

21 Joie McKay  
(Cub House)

## This month at school!

- Wednesday the 2nd is Dr. Seuss Day, and what better way to celebrate Dr. Seuss than with a **Wacky Hair Day!**
- LCPS is closed Monday, March 7th, so the NLC is open for a **School's Out Camp!** Let us know if your school aged child will be attending.
- **National Pi Day** is always March 14th (3/14, get it?). Pizza pie for lunch!
- March 17th is St. Patrick's Day, so send them to school wearing **GREEN!** I wonder if those tricky leprechauns will play some tricks around the Center as they have in past years...
- Monday, March 21st is our tentative date to **open the School to parents.** More details will be forthcoming the week of March 14th as we continue to monitor the local conditions. We are excited to welcome you all back inside!!
- Thursday the 31st is **National Crayon Day**, so crayon drawings and crafts will abound!

### Extracurricular Activities

These fully optional activities are available at additional cost. Registration and activities are handled by the external provider.

**Mercier School of Dance**—Register at [www.mercierschoolofdance/registration](http://www.mercierschoolofdance/registration)

- ◆ *Pre-Ballet & Jazz*: Mondays 3:00—3:30 pm, ages 4 & 5, \$65/month, monthly through May 2022
- ◆ *Zumba, Jr*: Mondays 3:30—4:00 pm, ages 3 1/2 through pre-K, \$65/month, monthly through May 2022

**Wee Little Arts**—Register at [www.weelittlearts.com](http://www.weelittlearts.com)

- ◆ *Session 3: Painting*—through March 31st, Thursdays 3:00—3:45 pm, ages 3-5, \$150
- ◆ *Session 4: 3-Dimensions*—starts April 7, Thursdays 3:00—3:45 pm, ages 3-5, \$150

**AcroKidz Gymnastics**—Register at [www.acrokidz.net/shop](http://www.acrokidz.net/shop)

Tuesdays 3:00 pm starting March 8th for an 8-week session; open to Hummingbirds, Bird House, Bird Nest, Owls, Turtles, and Lions; \$144

**Loudoun Soccer** will return in April after Spring Break—details to come!

## Summer Camp 2022 *Go Wild for Summer!*

- ☀ Summer Camp is for rising Kindergartners through rising 6th graders.
- ☀ Summer Camp registration opens for current NLC families on March 1st.
- ☀ Registration opens to the public on Monday, March 14th.
- ☀ *Camp space is limited, so register soon!*

# Valentine's Day, Brushing our Teeth, & Other Fun Things!



# The Life of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church

## A Message from Our Interim Pastor:

### Love Symbol #2: The Color Purple

Half-completed crafts were strewn on the tables. There was a polite and quiet murmur in the room as the band played through their set. All quite subdued and calm.

A new note was played. The staff stopped clearing the luncheon plates. The guests stood, unexpectedly and suddenly, in their white dresses and suits, their hats smartly perched on perfectly coiffed hair. Tears flowed down their cheeks. Out of nowhere, more than a hundred women raised purple scarves and handkerchiefs, and sang along with the band:

*"Purple rain, purple rain Purple rain, purple rain If you know what I'm singing about up here C'mon, raise your hand."*

Everyone was singing. I was working, the chaplain for this annual memorial to mothers and other-mothers who have gone home. We were gathered in the conference room of the city's botanical garden. A Chihuly glass exhibit was carefully scattered through the spring plantings and flowering scents filled our space. And on this day, without planning, there was purple. Many shades of purple. But this is the one we sang of: Love Symbol #2

If you are a Prince fan, you will know that this is meant to honor his classic album, movie, and soundtrack, "Purple Rain." © Prince described the color as a mix of blood and

sky—red and blue. A new rendition of "The Color Purple," by Alice Walker is coming out. In the book, Shug says it "pisses God off if you walk by the color purple in a field somewhere and don't notice it."



From Ash Wednesday until Easter Sunday the primary liturgical color is purple. What better way to commemorate the path of Jesus from his temptation until his resurrection than with purple. We notice purple. It stands out and calls us by name. In the church, it is most associated with pain, sorrow, repentance. It has come to mean suffering and surely Prince and Shug are pointing to such.

But the tears of the ladies on that spring mother's day pointed to something else Prince and Shug knew, something Jesus calls us to. The collective power of being united with love and beauty.

During Lent this year, 2022, with the threat of war, the escalation of poverty and racial division, the politicization of health and education, and so much grief, it is my hope that we will pause to consider our great calling. We are called to guide one another toward love and beauty.

Peace,

Rev Bev

## Serve Sunday, April 24th

Service activities will begin directly after a short worship service at 10 am. Service options are open to all ages! Service opportunities include:

- Wheatland Farm—Wheatland Farm is a nonprofit equestrian farm devoted to working with children with disabilities by providing therapeutic riding lessons. Our contribution will be providing a new coat of paint to their outdoor arena railings
- Mobile Hope—Mobile Hope is a nonprofit organization working with homeless and marginally housed youth between the ages of 18 and 24. Through a variety of programs, the youth find hope and help. Our contribution will be to assist with the organization of donations.

Ash Wednesday is March 2nd. There will be a pancake supper at 6 pm, followed by a service at 7 pm

### Mid-Week Studies

The topic of reflection and discussion will be the Seven Signs of Life. All are welcome!

Lesson at Lunch will meet virtually on Tuesdays at noon beginning March 1st

Brews and Bibles will meet in person beginning March 9th at 7 pm

Email Reverend Beverly at to express your interest and to get the meeting link.

[beverly.friedlander@standrew@pres.org](mailto:beverly.friedlander@standrew@pres.org)



**To Register (choose one):**

- Email your completed form to [info@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com](mailto:info@theneighborhoodlearningcenter.com)
- Drop off (or mail) your completed form: 711 W Main St, Purcellville, VA 20132
- Registration form MUST be accompanied with \$50 registration fee/child

## 2022 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION FORM

**ATTEND 4 OR MORE FULL WEEKS AND RECEIVE \$10 OFF EACH WEEK OF SUMMER CAMP TUITION  
AND YOU MAY PAY THE CAMP RATE EACH WEEK OF THE CAMP ATTENDED!**

**Space is limited. Registration will continue until each camp is full.**

**SUMMER CAMP RATES**

- \$265 per week
- Non-refundable registration fee \$50
- Family discounts for multiple children
- \*Weeks of June 15 – 17 and Aug 22 – 24, Summer Camp tuition is \$165. August 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> will be charged at prorated School-Age Program rates

**WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW**

- Summer Camp is for rising Kindergartners through rising 6<sup>th</sup> graders
- Summer Camp is from 9:00 am – 3:30 pm with no additional charge for Before or After Care. The NLC is open 6:30 am – 6:00 pm
- Weekly tuition includes all activity fees!

**Select Your Camps (check)**

<u>Select Your Camps (check)</u>	<u>Total Due</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> *June 15 – 17	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> June 20 – 24	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> June 27 – July 1	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> July 5 – 8 (closed Monday for July 4 <sup>th</sup> )	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> July 11 – 15	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> July 18 – July 22	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> July 25 – 29	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 1 – 5	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 8 – 12	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Aug 15 – 18 (closed Friday for Staff Workday)	\$ _____
<input type="checkbox"/> *Aug 22 – 24 (school starts Thursday, 8/25/2022)	\$ _____

**Non-refundable registration fee** **\$ 50.00**

**TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

CHILD Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Entering: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

One Summer Camp Shirt included! Shirt Size: (Circle) YXS YS YM YL AS AM AL

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

***We accept checks, cash or weekly ACH Direct Debit for registration; weekly tuition will be paid by ACH Withdrawal only.***

The \$50 registration fee must accompany this form to complete the registration process.

**CANCELLATION RESPONSIBILITIES: YOU MUST CANCEL IN WRITING BY THE MONDAY PRIOR TO THE WEEK YOU ARE SCHEDULED TO ATTEND, OR YOU WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE WEEK. NO EXCEPTIONS.** Thank you for your cooperation!

***I have read, understand, and agree to abide by the above stated cancellation policy.***

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Office Use Only: Date Form Received: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

\$50 Registration Received: Cash / Check

# The Neighborhood Learning Center 2022 Summer Camp

## Register Now and **GO WILD for Summer!**

*Senior Camp (SC) and Junior Camp (JC) will each take two field trips every week. We require registration for full weeks only. Campers will need to pack lunches on most of their field trip days.*

**NOTE: Field trips are subject to change.**

### **June 15-17: Go Wild and Blast Off into Summer!**

Who wants to ease into summer...let's *BLAST* our way in with a smorgasbord of activities! A preview of the summer fun ahead is in the works this week, so come ready to leap feet first into summer! SC will visit Camp Highroad for a day of teambuilding and a picnic.

### **June 20-24: Go Wild and say Aloha to the Islands!**

We might not be on the Hawaiian Islands, but we can pretend! How about making leis, seashell crafts, and sand art? No island trip is complete without water and fun in the sun, so we kick off the week with a giant water slide and keep the energy going by having the kids squirt, splash, and spray while in-house all week long. Campers will travel to Volcano Island Water Park and another day will explore Cunningham Falls State Park in Thurmont.

### **June 27-July 1: Go Wild about the World of Animals!**

We will start the week with a visit from our friends at Wildlife Ambassadors who will bring some of our local wildlife to educate and entertain. Campers will continue going crazy about animals by visiting with farm animal friends on a field trip to Great Country Farms one day and then playing on the dinosaur themed playground at Ashburn Park another day.

### **July 5-8: Go Wild about the USA!**

Visiting Franklin Park Pool and enjoying a picnic is a fantastic way to cool off as we celebrate July 4<sup>th</sup> week! We will also tour the Purcellville Fire Station to visit some of our local heroes followed by a stop at Franklin Park's playground for a picnic and some summer fun. Ice cream, apple pie, and hot dogs will be on the menu this week – nothing more American than that!

### **July 11-15: Go Wild about the Arts!**

We will go wild for different kinds of art including music, drama, painting, drawing, sculpting, and maybe even a little photography and videography! A One-Man Band will perform at the NLC – wow! Campers will travel to one of their favorite places for paint-your-own pottery, The Polka Dot Pot in Winchester, followed by a picnic in Jim Barnett Park. We will also observe the art of cinematography by taking a trip to the movies, enjoying a picnic at Douglas Park in Leesburg on the way back.

### **July 18-22: Go Wild for STEM!**

*Science + Technology + Engineering + Math = AWESOME* Brainiacs will visit to bring Legos and cool experiments. Campers will travel to the Shenandoah Discovery Museum in Winchester with a stop at Berryville Park for a picnic on the way back. Also, this week, campers will explore the Children's Science Center in Fairfax with a picnic at Algonkian Park to follow.

### **July 25-29: Go Wild about Cooking in the Kitchen!**

On Monday, Heritage Farm Museum will present "Grandma's Kitchen," teaching us about what kitchen tools were used a generation ago, and then the kids will try their hand at baking up some biscuits! Campers will visit JK Farms in Round Hill to learn about where our food comes from and to lend a hand on this working farm whose produce all goes to local food banks. The second field trip will be a visit to Vocelli's Pizza to tour the kitchen and make their own pizzas for lunch which they will enjoy eating at Hamilton Park.

### **Aug 1-5: Go Wild about Earth Science!**

Master Gardeners will visit the NLC on Monday to teach us about seeds and plants and to get our hands dirty by helping us plant some ourselves. The campers will visit Blandy Farm to learn and explore the world around them, from insects and birds to trees and rocks! A trip to Clemyjontri Park in McLean for play and a picnic wraps up this wild week.

### **Aug 8-12: Go Wild about the World of Sports!**

Amazing Athletes will visit on Monday to kick off this wild week with games and activities on our front field, and all sorts of games and sports will abound throughout the week! In addition to going bowling, JC will head to Monkey Joe's in Winchester for some climbing and bouncing, and SC will make their way to JayDee's Fun Zone in Inwood for some swimming.

### **Aug 15-18: Go Wild and End Summer with a Splash!**

The giant water slide returns to end the summer with a splash, and campers will visit Volcano Island Water Park in Sterling for one last summertime swim. Popsicles, snow cones and water games all week long!

### **Aug 22-24: Go Wild about Last Lazy Days of Summer!**

These last days before school starts means spending time with friends, relaxing while watching movies and munching popcorn, and revisiting some favorite activities from the weeks before.

# The Neighborhood Learning Center ~ Menu for March 2022

Whole milk is served to children under 2 and 2% milk is served to all others. Menus are subject to change.

\* May contain eggs ^May contain milk (T) = Toddler WG = Whole Grain

		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Feb 28 – March 4	Breakfast	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water	Blueberry Muffins*^ Banana Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk	Yogurt^ Granola* Water	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water
	Lunch	Taco Salad*^ Corn Pears WG Roll* Milk	Spaghetti* Salad w/Dressing^ (T) Cucumbers Mixed Fruit Milk	BBQ Chicken on a WG bun*^ Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	Salisbury Steak* Mashed Potatoes^ WG Roll*^ Pineapple Tidbits Milk	Chicken Bake*^ Peas Peaches Milk
	Snack	Variety Snack*^ Water	Sliced Cheese^ WG Wheat Thins* (T) Ritz Crackers* Water	<b>Dr. Suess Day</b> Special Snack with Strawberries, Bananas & Marshmallows Water	Bagel*^ Cream Cheese^ Water	Veggie Straws* Raisins* Water
March 7 – March 11	Breakfast	WG Cereal Fruit Water	WG Belgian Waffle Sticks*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk	Turkey Sausage* Biscuit*^ Water	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water
	Lunch	<b>LCPS Camp Day!</b> Beans & Franks WG Roll* Pears Milk	Ham Sandwich*^ Green Beans Peaches Milk	Chicken Nuggets*^ Corn Mixed Fruit Milk	Turkey Meatballs* Mashed Potatoes*^ WG Roll* Milk	WG Grilled Cheese Sandwich*^ Peas Applesauce Milk
	Snack	Applesauce Animal Crackers* Water	Cheese Cubes^ WG Triscuits* (T) Townhouse Crackers* Water	Turkey Wrap*^ 100% Apple Juice	Yogurt Cup WG Goldfish* Water	Sliced Apples Veggie Straws* (T) Applesauce Water
March 14 – March 18	Breakfast	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water	WG Bagel* Cream Cheese^ Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk	Pancakes*^ Blueberries Water	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water
	Lunch	<b>Pi Day!</b> Pizza Salad w/Dressing^ (T) Cucumbers Mandarin Oranges Milk	Roast Beef & Noodles*^ WG Roll*^ Broccoli & Cheese^ Pears Milk	WG Fish Sandwich*^ Corn* Peaches Milk	<b>St Patrick's Day!</b> Meatloaf* Mashed Potatoes*^ WG Roll*^ Mixed Fruit Milk	Turkey Burger* Green Beans Pineapple Milk
	Snack	Raisins* Cheese Itz^ Water	Nacho Chips* Salsa* (T) Saltines* Water	Ritz Crackers* Cheese Sticks^ Water	<b>St. Patrick's Day</b> <b>Cookies</b> Bananas Water	Graham Crackers*^ Sliced Apples (T) Applesauce Water
March 21 – March 25	Breakfast	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water	Blueberry Muffin*^ Banana Water	WG Cereal Milk	French Toast Sticks*^ Berries Water	WG Cereal Fruit Water
	Lunch	Open Face Hamburger w/Gravy*^ Mashed Potatoes*^ Mixed Fruit Milk	WG Fish Nuggets*^ Green Beans Mandarin Oranges Milk	Chili Mac* Cornbread*^ Pears Milk	Chicken & Cheese Quesadilla*^ Corn Pineapple Milk	Variety: Meat/Meat Alternate*^ Fruit, Veggie & Grain Milk
	Snack	Cheese Cubes^ Crackers* Water	Cereal Bars*^ 100% Apple Juice	Pretzels* Mandarin Oranges Water	Yogurt^ Granola* Water	Pepperoni & Cheese*^ Townhouse Crackers* Water
March 28 - April 1	Breakfast	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Water	Mini Pancake Wrapped Sausage*^ Fruit Water	WG Cereal*^ Milk	Waffles*^ Fruit Water	WG Cereal*^ Fruit Milk
	Lunch	Chicken Fried Rice*^ Broccoli Mixed Fruit Milk	Taco Salad*^ Corn WG Roll Mandarin Oranges Milk	Beefaroni* Diced Carrots Peaches Milk	Mac N Cheese Peas Pineapple Milk	Hot Dog on a Bun*^ Sun Chips Pears Milk
	Snack	Raisins* Cheese Itz* Water	Animal Cookies*^ 100% Apple Juice	Goldfish Crackers* Cheese Stick^ Water	Homemade Trail Mix*^ Water	Breakfast Bar*^ 100% Apple Juice

# March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>St. Andrew's Worship</b> – Join St. Andrew for in-person AND Facebook Live worship every Sunday morning at 10 am. In-person worship will observe social distancing and mask wearing for children and adults.						
		1 Mardi Gras	2 Dr Seuss Day – Wacky Hair Day! Ash Wednesday	3 Wee Little Arts	4	5
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